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PATENT  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0090/004001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Noboru NAKASHIMA                      Art Unit: 3763  
Serial No.: 10/084,491                              Examiner: Ghafoorian, R.  
Filed : February 28, 2002  
Title : SAFETY INDWELLING SYRINGE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002,  
applicant hereby submits the enclosed papers including an  
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111.


The required fees are calculated below:

Total Claims	<u>10</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00
Independent	<u>2</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE:						<u>\$0.00</u>

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER  
FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0090/004001.  
THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE  
ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 17, 2003

  
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In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, please  
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the  
subject matter therein.

Please substitute claims 2-5 and 7 for the pending claims  
with the same numbers, respectively:

a! -- 2. (Amended) A safety indwelling syringe as set forth in  
claim 7, wherein the protective sheath is slidably fitted inside  
the tubular portion of the fixed sheath.